Introduction and Acknowledgments

Ixil, a Mayan language spoken by approximately 45,000 people in the northwest highlands of Guatemala, can be divided into three distinct dialects by the municipal lines of Nebaj, Chajul, and Cotzal in the department of El Quiché. Upon careful examination of the dialect differences, it is not difficult to conclude that each dialect merits serious study of its own.

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